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STRIKE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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1. ADDIS HAD QUIET DAY APRIL 25. TENSION TANGIBLY ON RISE IN CITY, HOWEVER, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE STRIKES/BOYCOTTS CONTINUING IN FACE IEG CHALLENGE (SECOND REFTEL).

2. MINEDUCATION LAST NIGHT ISSUED ULTIMATUM THAT SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING CLASSES APRIL 25 WOULD BE CONSIDERED WITHDRAWN. STUDENTS IN ADDIS DD NOT RETURN. HSIU NOW RPT NOW CLOSED.

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3. ADDIS' DAY BEGAN WITH POLICE, BODYGUARD (IBG) AND FOURTH

DIVISION DEPLOYMENTS AT SCHOOLS, IMPORTANT OFFICE BUILDINGS AND KEY ROADS. MOBILE POLICE PATROLS NOTED EARLY, SOME WITH JEEP-MOUNTED MACHINE GUNS. SOME FOURTH DIVISION TROOPERS SEEN WITH M-14 RIFLES AND CARBINES BUT WEARING ONLY HELMET LINERS AND NO AMMO POUCHES. RIOT POLICE AND IBG FOOT PATROLS ALSO IN EVIDENCE ALL DAY.

4. RUMOR MILL WORKING OVERTIME: AMERICANS ABOUT TO EVACUATE; FORMER PRIMIN HAS FLED TO FRANCE AND IEG WANTS HIM BACK DEAD OR ALIVE; CHRISTIANS WILL SEEK REVENGE NEXT SATURDAY FOR AFFRONT OF MOSLEM DEMONSTRATION; ETC.

5. RELATIVELY FEW PEOPLE ON STREETS.

6. WE HAVE AS YET NO MEANINGFUL REPORTS FROM PROVINCES.
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